

CHRISTMAS.

Once more the bells of Christmas ring, pealing out their messages of peace and good will to all mankind. They remind us of that night long ago when the Star of Bethlehem appeared in the East, heralding the glad tidings that a Saviour was born.

Hon. E. A. Hitchcock, American ambassador to Russia, has been appointed secretary of the interior in place of Bliss, resigned.

In the last thirty-six years American shippers have paid to foreign vessel owners the enormous sum of \$5,400,000,000. It is the Elkins bill now before congress, which provides for a ten per cent discriminating duty in favor of American vessels, becomes a law, we will soon stop this large sum from going into the coffers of foreigners.

President McKinley's tour through the South has been one of continual ovation. No president has ever received a more hearty or cordial welcome by all classes. His remarks have been timely and patriotic and have touched the very hearts of the Southern people.

Speaker Reed is opposed to expansion. There is nothing strange about that, for his corporeal system has so expanded that he has not seen his feet for many years. He believes his feet and head are still on American soil, but when he gazes over the periphery of his abdominal globe he is unable to tell in what latitude his outlying possessions are except by a long and difficult system of triangulation and plain geometry.

When Uncle Sam sits down to his Christmas dinner happy with the thought of the war with Spain is ended, the peace treaty signed, order, law and justice easily and equitably administered in Cuba, Porto Rico, Hawaii and the Philippines, he will take a bite of celery and then no doubt begin to ponder over the many he is under the present system, bound to feed.

Let's see," he will say, "how is this, this fowl is all right, cooked well. My children are with me, and this is one of the days long to be remembered for the achievements of the past year, but this business of dividing up American commerce is a stunner. I'll tell you, children, how it is. During the past year Belgium has carried 4 per cent, Holland 5 per cent, France 7 per cent, Germany 14 per cent and England 50 per cent, leaving only 8 per cent of our commerce to be carried by our own ships. Zounds, I can't stand that any longer. I'm going to insist on the boys in congress changing this business. What I want and what I'm going to have is some legislation right away that will subsidize or pay duty in some way to American ship owners that they may compete with our neighbors so that next Christmas my folks can have something besides bones to pick." It is safe to predict that when Uncle Sam gets tired it won't take long to rectify this matter. This nation must not allow other powers to carry 92 per cent of our commerce and grow fat at our expense longer. Whatever course is necessary for congress to pursue to accomplish this result the country will sanction and applaud; but if time is frittered away and nothing done congressmen will meet a severe

FRUIT-GROWERS' CONGRESS.

Preparations are being pushed for the farmers' congress to convene in Corvallis next month. The date has been set and the program completed. The congress is to be held January 25th and 26th. The program, as it now stands, promises to furnish a vast amount of interesting matter for fruit growers to consider. A large number of letters have been received by the committee from people allotted places on the program, signifying an intention to be present. Others have not yet been heard from. In addition to the list of subjects and speakers presented, persons have been assigned subjects, among whom is H. M. Finley, of Benton county. The meeting promises to be one of the largest gatherings held in Corvallis in a long time. The program is as follows:

WEDNESDAY, 2:30 P. M. Music, Quartette. Opening Address, W. M. Hilleary. "Soils for Successful Prune Culture," Prof. Shaw. Discussion—Leaders, Dr. J. R. Cardwell, Dr. A. Sharples and John Minto.

"Stocks for our Prune Trees," S. T. Malehorn. Discussion—Leaders, A. Brownell, D. O. Quirk and A. Luelling. "Pruning for the Different Varieties," Discussion—Leaders, R. D. Allen, L. T. Reynolds, M. Schevdecker.

EVERING SESSION, 7:30. Music. Address of Welcome, Mayor John Burnett. Response, W. M. Hilleary.

Recitation. "Evaporation, including Harvesting, Pruning and Grafting," C. L. Daley. Discussion—Leaders, W. K. Allen, Y. Kurtz, T. Bell.

THURSDAY, 9 A. M. "Tillage and Leguminous Crops," Dr. Withycombe. Discussion—Leaders, H. M. Williamson, C. K. Schaefer, J. B. Cramer.

"The Prune Tree and Its Enemies," Prof. Cordley. Discussion—Leaders, L. T. Reynolds, Chas. Leeg, E. M. Arthur. THURSDAY, 2:30. "The Apple and Its Culture," M. O. Lowndale. Discussion—Leaders, C. H. Hobbs, Asa Halliday, E. Schomo.

"The Apple and Its Marketing," H. B. Miller. Discussion—Leaders, E. L. Smith, Frank Lee, W. J. Baker. THURSDAY, 7:30 P. M. Music. Recitation.

"Trans-Mississippi and International Exposition at Omaha and Its Benefits to Oregon," H. E. Dorsch. Discussion—Leaders, D. S. Pague, Geo. Rees, Geo. Baker.

Recitation. "The Pear and Its Culture," J. H. Stewart. Music. There will be other gentlemen who will probably address the convention, not mentioned in the program, among whom will be Hon. John Minto, president of the state board of horticulture. We are informed that all of the granges of the state are invited to send representatives.

Our school has been discontinued until after New Year's. Art Hope went to Corvallis Monday last week, returning Tuesday. Warren Norton is chore boy at Mr. Blodgett's during their sickness. John Post and Brad Troxel, of Summit, were in the valley Saturday last week. G. W. Wood is brakeman on the C. & E. railroad between Albany and the front for a few days. H. F. Francis is having the fir trees cut down from around his residence so as to get the sunshine. Miss Nora Derriek, of Eddyville, came out Monday for a few days' visit with her sister, Mrs. Blodgett. There has been a peddler of cheap jewelry and notions, displaying his goods here for several days past. Misses Tena and Pearl Richardson visited the family of Spencer on Tum Tum Friday and Saturday last week. Rev. Lowther, of Philomath, will preach at the school house Christmas at eleven o'clock. A kind invitation to all.

There will be a Christmas tree at the school house on Saturday evening, Dec. 24th. The various committees will spare no pains to make it a success. Mr. Blodgett's family, who have all been down with the measles for the past week, are able to be around the house, excepting "Doc," and he is improving. C. H. James, an old time resident of this place, visited in the valley Wednesday, and took the train for Portland Thursday morning, where he will spend the winter.

There will be a Christmas tree at the old church. A good time is expected. We have a Temperance Club now in King's Valley. Star Temperance Club, organized July 12, 1898, by E. C. Sherwin. We now have fifty members. Object, to promote temperance and discourage the liquor traffic in our midst, and to work in harmony with all religious denominations. Officers, president, vice president, secretary, executive committee of three, committee of three on program. Badge: three ribbon, red, white and blue, worn on left breast in form of star (star of hope). Pledge: By the help of Almighty God I pledge myself to abstain from the use of all intoxicating drinks as a beverage.

WANTED—SEVERAL TRUST-WORTHY persons in this state to manage our business in their town and nearby counties. It is mainly office work conducted at home. Salary straight \$500 a year and expenses—definite, bona fide, no more, no less salary. Monthly references. Enclose self-addressed

ALMA. All our Christmas turkeys this year have been bought of McKinley & Co., protectionists. They are the best non-buffers, for they give us abundant credit, increased trade and commerce, protection and prosperous times.

What a Docked Horse Tells. (1) That the owner does not care one straw for the suffering of dumb animals. (2) That the owner does not care one straw for the good opinion of nine tenths of his fellow-citizens who witness the effect of his cruelty.

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ALSEA NEWS.

Mrs. Lulu Tom has been quite sick the past week. Miss Ethel Ryecraft returned from Corvallis last week.

J. A. Banton made a trip to the valley last week on business. There will be a dance at Willis Vidito's next Monday night. Numbers including supper will be sold at sixty cents. Everybody invited.

Lennie Longbottom finished a very successful term of school in the south district last week. This makes the fourth term Mr. Longbottom has taught in this district.

The entertainment under the management of the teachers happens December 24th. Every effort has been made to provide an attractive program, and above a steps have been taken to insure that the church house will be made warm and comfortable. A FARMER.

TUM TUM ITEMS. Mr. E. Moskey has been building an addition on his barn, improving its looks, and making it more convenient.

Hog killing is about over. Mr. A. E. Neasham killed the largest hog of the season, weighing over 300 pounds.

Everybody is scrubbing up and training their guns, getting ready for the shooting match, which comes off Friday before Christmas.

Tum Tum will have a soiree on Christmas eve. Spencer Bros. is the place set for the occasion. A general good time is expected.

Mr. A. E. Neasham has completed his outfit on the road between his place and Mr. Harrison's, greatly improving it and making the distance shorter. FLOW BOV.

FAIRMOUNT. More apples are in boxes and everything else available than can well be taken care of.

The Mishler family have moved into Linn county and Mrs. Phillips now occupies her own house.

H. J. Reese and family have moved to Spring Hill farm, the place where Mrs. Reese lived when a girl.

A. A. Hawley is on the invalid list. He says "when the weather is fine I feel fine, when it is foggy and bad then I'm down."

The root crop is good in our section—carrots, beets and such things. Potatoes are not in good form as too many of them have a black spot in the stem end.

Pres. Walton has returned to Benton county. He says the winter is too cold in Eastern Oregon, but it is my opinion that there is another reason for his return. Eh, Pres?

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ACTIVE SOLICITORS WANTED everywhere for "The Story of the Philippines" by Max E. Haisod, commissioned by the Government as Official Historian to the War Department. The book was written in army camps at San Francisco, on the Pacific with General Merritt, in hospitals at Honolulu, in Hong Kong, in American trenches at Manila, in the insurgents' camps with Aguinaldo, on the deck of the Olympia with Dewey, and in the rear of battle at the fall of Manila. Bonanza for agents. Bristle of original pictures taken by government photographers on the spot. Large book. Low prices. Big profits. Freight paid. Credit given. Drop all trashy unofficial war

The Cowing Woman.

Who goes to the club with her husband tends the baby, as well as the good old-fashioned woman who looks after her home, will both at times get run down in health. They will be troubled with loss of appetite, headaches, sleeplessness, fainting or dizzy spells. The most wonderful remedy for these women is Electric Bitters. Thousands of sufferers from lass and back and kidney troubles, from indigestion, nervousness, and all the ailments of women, use of Electric Bitters. Delicate women should keep this remedy on hand to build up the system. Only 50c. per bottle. For sale by Graham & Wells.

Will Interest Men. It will repay the readers of the GAZETTE to peruse the display advertisement of Nolan & Callahan. All their Winter Stock of Clothing will be closed out as soon as possible and to accomplish this result the prices will be unmercifully cut. Their New Spring Stock is all bought and will arrive in due season.

Many a household is saddened by death because of the failure to keep on hand a safe and absolutely certain cure for croup such as One Minute Cough Cure. See that your little ones are protected against emergency. Graham & Wells.

Fresh celery and cranberries at Hershey's. Late to bed and early to rise, prepares a man for his home in the skies. But early to bed and a Little Early Riser, the pill that makes life longer and better and wiser. Graham & Wells.

A full supply of choice Christmas candies at Howell's.

Ten positively cures sick headache, indigestion and constipation. A delightful herb drink. Removes all eruptions of the skin, producing a perfect complexion, or money refunded. 25 cts. and 50 cts. Graham & Wells.

Aunt Jemima's Pancake Flour, just the thing for griddle cakes, muffins, and gems. Zierolf.

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E. HOLGATE, N. L. HOLGATE. HOLGATE & SON, ATTORNEYS AT LAW. CORVALLIS, OREGON. Notice to Creditors. Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, being appointed the Executor of the estate and Last Will and Testament of Charles Albrecht, deceased, by the County Court of the State of Oregon, for Benton County, Oregon, on the 8th day of December, 1898, under the seal of said court, upon a decree in said court duly rendered, and do hereby give notice, within six months from the date hereof, Dated this 22nd day of December, 1898. Executor of the Estate and Last Will and Testament of Charles Albrecht, deceased.

SHERIFF'S SALE. Notice is hereby given that by virtue of an order of sale and execution duly issued out of the circuit court of the state of Oregon, for Benton county, on the 8th day of December, 1898, under the seal of said court, upon a decree in said court duly rendered, and do hereby give notice, within six months from the date hereof, Dated this 22nd day of December, 1898. Executor of the Estate and Last Will and Testament of Charles Albrecht, deceased.

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